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### Agriculture research helps put Yukon grown food on local plates

WHITEHORSE – Yukoners are invited to learn about the government's research farm and how it's assisting local food production. The Agriculture branch is hosting its annual Agriculture Demonstration Day on Wednesday, August 4 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

"The research carried out each year by the Agriculture branch is helping Yukon build a vibrant agriculture sector," Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Patrick Rouble said. "The demonstration day is an opportunity for producers and all those interested in Yukon grown food to learn more about how this important work can put high-quality food on our plates."

Agriculture branch staff will be giving a tour of the research projects at 1 p.m., which includes demonstrating a new centre-pivot irrigation system and a remote solar panel livestock watering system. Research that is being done on wheat, oat and field pea varieties, dryland forage, fertilizer treatments, yields for raspberries, and hay production will also be highlighted. Staff will also present the first of a multi-year evaluation on the City of Whitehorse compost project.

Demonstration day attendees can also enjoy Yukon grown, inspected and processed elk burgers that will be barbecued by Agriculture branch staff. The Yukon Agriculture Association and the Growers of Organic Food Yukon will also be on hand to discuss equipment rentals, memberships and other matters related to their associations.

The Agriculture branch's research farm is located at the Gunnar Nilsson and Mickey Lammers Research Forest, north of Whitehorse, at the corner of the North Klondike Highway and Takhini Hot Springs Road.

For more information about this year's demonstration day and barbecue call the Agriculture branch at 867-667-5838, toll-free at 1-800-661-0408, extension 5838. To learn more about agriculture research being conducted in Yukon please visit [www.agriculture.gov.yk.ca](http://www.agriculture.gov.yk.ca).

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